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ATTENTION: Patent Examiner Peugh, Tel. (571) 272-4199

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 3, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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Applicants have amended Claims 7, 14 and 22 to comply with Examiner's request. Claim 14 now recites in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Therefore, Applicants submit that Claims 7, 14 and 22 are allowable, and request that the Examiner allow these claims to issue.

Conclusion

The foregoing is submitted as full and complete response to the Official Action mailed April 8, 2004, and it is submitted that Claims 1-22 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejection is requested. Allowance of Claims 1-22 is earnestly solicited.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. No amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicants have argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

Applicants acknowledge the continuing duty of candor and good faith to disclosure of information known to be material to the examination of this application. In accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.56, all such information is dutifully made of record. The foreseeable equivalents of any territory surrendered by amendment are limited to the territory taught by the information of record. No other territory afforded by the doctrine of equivalents is knowingly surrendered and everything else is unforeseeable at the time of this amendment by the Applicants and the attorneys.

The present application, after entry of this amendment, comprises twenty-two (22) claims, including six (6) independent claims. Applicants have previously paid for twenty-two (22) claims including five (5) independent claims. Applicants, therefore,

believe that an additional fee of \$86 for claims amendment is currently due. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the claims amendment fee of \$86, or if this fee amount is insufficient or incorrect, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge the appropriate fee amount, to Deposit Account 09-0463.

If the Examiner believes that there are any informalities that can be corrected by Examiner's amendment, or that in any way it would help expedite the prosecution of the patent application, a telephone call to the undersigned at (561) 989-9811 is respectfully solicited.

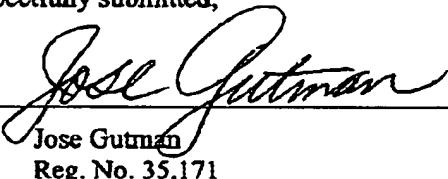
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In view of the preceding discussion, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and re-examination is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 7/8/04

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

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